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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Toshiki KINDO, et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE RETRIEVAL

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 3, line 1, please delete " or claim 2".

Claim 6, line 1, please delete " or claim 5".

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as follows:

*Sub A1*

--13. The method of retrieving an image as defined in claim 2, wherein the image is displayed in order of precedence.

*B1*  
14. The apparatus for retrieving an image as defined in claim 5, wherein the image is displayed in order of precedence.--